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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7042

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SUBJECT: PROTECTIVE SECURITY TEAM FOR ASMARA

STATE FOR SY/FO; KHARTOUM FOR RSO

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 2635; (B) STATE 264751; (C) STATE 260634

1. EMBASSY CURRENTLY SEEKING IMMUNITY FROM GOE FOR TWO PSU MARINES. HOWEVER, AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO DETERMINE WHEN, AND IN FACT, IF IMMUNITY WILL BE GRANTED, EMBASSY AND CONGEN ASMARA HAVE REQUESTED THAT RSO BOLES REMAIN AT HIS POST OF RESIDENCE UNTIL SITUATION HAS BEEN CLARIFIED. FYI: EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD THAT GOE HAS EVER BEEN ASKED TO GRANT, OR HAS GRANTED, SUCH IMMUNITY. END FYI.

2. POST AWARE THROUGH RMO ADDIS THAT TWO DESIGNATED PSU MARINES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ADDIS NOVEMBER 18. WHILE POST CONCURS AS TO URGENCY OF SITUATION IN ASMARA AND APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S QUICK RESPONSE, AT SAME TIME, POST MUST CONSIDER POSSIBILITY THAT IMMUNITY WILL BE DENIED OR DELAYED AND THAT PROTECTIVE SECURITY PROGRAM AS PLANNED WILL NOT MATERIALIZE. IF LATTER TURNS OUT TO BE CASE, TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR MARINES AND RSO WILL BE FOR NAUGHT.

3. POST, THEREFORE, BELIEVES DEPARTMENT SHOULD HOLD DEPARTURE OF MARINES AND RSO BOLES UNTIL POST CAN BETTER ADVISE OF IMMUNITY POSSIBILITIES.

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